

## Summers retires after 17 years as Tribal Police Officer

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In 1978, right after the takeover of the Novitiate, Robert *Butch* Summers decided to enter the field of law



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enforcement and attended recruit school in Wausau.

Butch became the first elected Tribal Police Chief in 1979 with the adoption of Tribal Ordinance 79-14, the Interim Law and Order Code.

This is the code we still operate under today.

Butch, currently the Deputy Chief of Police, has worked as a police officer with the Tribe for 17 years and for the County for 7 years.

For the past five years, he has worked with the youth, teaching about the effects of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, and violence. In their search to establish their identity, youth may turn to drugs and alcohol.

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## Menominees will be lead by new Chairperson in 2003



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2003 Menominee Tribal Legislature- Front row, from left- Gary Besaw (Vice-Chairman), Joan Delabreau (Chairperson), Laurie Boivin (Secretary). Back row, from left- Sarah Skubitz, Anthony Waupochick, Michael Chapman, Laurie Reiter. Missing- Lisa Waukau, Myron Pyawasit.

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During this years annual Swearing In Ceremony on Sunday, February 9th, the Tribal Legislation welcomed three new legislatures as well as the new Chief of Police and voted for new officials for the executive branch.

The meeting began with the traditional Flag Song, which was rendered by Junior Deadgrass Society with flags being carried in by the Menominee Veterans and a welcoming prayer by

David Grignon.

The Oath of Office was given by Chief Justice Joseph H. Martin to newly elected legislators; Laurie Boivin, Michael Chapman and Laurie Reiter. Immediately following was the swearing in of new Chief of Police, Judy Duquain, who proudly received her badge from Martin.

During the readings of the Oath, Martin reminded legislatures that their new position was not one of power but a promise to do their best for the Menominee people. After an honor song for the four new elected officials, the salary for the Tribal Chairman was set at \$85,000. Also during that time an amendment was made to the motion that the Chairperson would not be paid for attending legislative meetings, since that position is salaried.

Next on the agenda was the election of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary. Voting was as follows:

Skubitz nominated Lisa Waukau and

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## Valentine's Day King and Queen



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The Keshena Senior Center hosted a lunch and activities on Valentine's Day. Pictured are the 2003 Valentine's Day King, Don Graser and Queen, Julia Pyawasay.

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